

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON  
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

December 10, 2007

The Special meeting, of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Walton at 7:13 pm in the City Hall.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Walton, Mayor Pro Tem Ron Boyer, Councilmembers Jim Klindworth, Rhonda Quinton, Monica Pruett, and Kent Mosbrucker arriving at 7:25.

STAFF: City Administrator Art Tackett, Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, and City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

VISITORS Roger Bailie; Jim Riddell; Sergeant Brad Quinton; Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic.

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Walton called an Executive Session at 7:14 pm until 7:35 to discuss the performance of a public employee.

At 7:35 pm the Executive Session was extended approximately another 10 minutes.

At 7:40 pm the Executive Session was extended until 7:50.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Walton called the meeting back to order at 7:50.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CHIEF OF POLICE CONTRACT

Mayor Walton advised that under the Connell Municipal Code that the Police Chief was not required to have a contract and worked as a department head under the Mayor as all other department heads. Mayor Walton also expressed that he would make sure that more information got passed on to the Council.

Councilmember Pruett stated that she thought they Mayor should work out a deal with Chief Rochleau, if possible, and that the final decision should be up to the Mayor.

Mayor Walton provided that he would talk to Chief Rochleau and would then notify Council of Chief Rochleau's decision in regards to his resignation.

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

Mayor Walton advised that he had attempted to convince City Administrator Tackett to stay longer due to all the projects and activities taking place but Administrator Tackett had not chosen to do so. Administrator Tackett's last day would be December 31<sup>st</sup> but he was taking vacation from December 19<sup>th</sup> until the 31<sup>st</sup>.

At the previous Council meeting Council had discuss contracting with an agency to search for a new City Administrator, a proposal had been received from Prothman as well as responses from Waldron & Company and Bogers & Associates. More information would be provided at the next Council meeting for further discussion .

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to be heard before the City Council, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maria T. Peña, City Clerk-Treasurer

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Gary Walton, Mayor